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Chairman Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Please consider this a letter of support for the appointment of Dr. Dan A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors as the representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts, filling vacancies created by the retirement of Anne Bryant.

As current President of the National Rural Education Association (NREA) and as a member of the Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) I believe that Dr. Domenech and AASA are a voice that will represent rural America. As you know, the rural voice is often under represented on National issues and I truly believe that Dr. Domenech will carry that torch.

Dr. Domenech currently serves as the Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators (ASSA), the national professional organization representing chief executive officers, superintendents and senior level school administrators as well as cabinet members, professors and aspiring school system leaders. Dr. Domenech has more than 40 years of experience in public education, including 27 years served as a school superintendent. His education and leadership background would be a tremendous asset to

the Board and entire universal service program. Further, his direct link to public school systems provides a sense of continuity when it comes to representing school system-level thoughts and opinions, as he would fill the spot currently held in NSBA.

As the Executive Director for AASA, Dr. Domenech is deeply committed to supporting the total child from physical and mental health to the development of fundamental, lifelong learning skills. In today's increasing global and competitive world, a top notch education and the building of lifelong learning skills requires access to education technology, and Dr. Domenech is acutely aware of the crucial role the E-Rate program plays in helping schools and libraries afford telecommunications connectivity.

Prior to AASA, Dr. Domenech worked at McGraw-Hill Education. Prior to his position at McGraw-Hill, Domenech served for 7 years as superintendent of the Fairfax County, VA., Public Schools. Domenech began his teaching career in New York, teaching sixth grade before becoming program director of the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services. He began his superintendency tenure as Long Island's Deer Park Schools, a position he also held at South Huntington School. He has also served as district superintendent in the Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County and chief executive officer of the Western Suffolk BOCES.

Domenech, an AASA member since 1979, served as president of AASA from July 1998 to June 1999. He is also a past president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the Suffolk County Superintendent Association, and the Suffolk County Organization for Promotion of Education. He was the first president and cofounder of the New York State Association for Bilingual Education.

The National Rural Education Association and the Hampton School District, strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. His nomination to the USAC board provides continuity and leadership, filling the chair currently held the National School Boards Association with the voice of another school system leader, that of the school administrator/superintendent.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's nomination to the USAC Board of directors, representing schools that are eligible to receive discounts.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Cunningham Superintendent